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NOAA SCIENTISTS TO RECEIVE EPA AWARD FOR ROLE IN NATIONAL COASTAL CONDITION REPORT SERIES

Four scientists from NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science will be honored as part of an interagency team by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development next week.

The four scientists, Fred Holland from the Hollings Marine Laboratory, Jeff Hyland from the Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research, and Tom O'Connor and Andrew Robertson from the Center for Coastal Monitoring and Assessment were members of the National Coastal Assessment Team. The team will receive the Teamwork Award at ORD's 26th Annual Honor Awards Ceremony on September 19 in Washington.

As members of the team, the four NOAA scientists assisted in planning and executing the National Coastal Assessment 1999-2006, and communicating the results to environmental decision makers and resource managers through the National Coastal Condition report series. Their major contributions included insuring that relevant NOAA data was incorporated into the report series.

"It is particularly satisfying to see the efforts of NOAA's scientific staff being recognized for their collaboration with EPA and other federal scientists in producing a scientifically based assessment of the condition of the nation's coastal ecosystems," says Gary C. Matlock, Ph.D., director of NCCOS. "Hopefully, the result will help managers improve our cherished coastal regions."

The Teamwork Award, one of EPA's most prestigious awards, honors the integration of ecological health and risk assessment research among institutions (both within and outside ORD), disciplines, and media.

In 2007 NOAA, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, celebrates 200 years of science and service to the nation. From the establishment of the Survey of the Coast in 1807 by Thomas Jefferson to the formation of the Weather Bureau and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in the 1870's, much of America's scientific heritage is rooted in NOAA.

NOAA is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners, more than 70 countries and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects.

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